

10/009722 #  
50 Dec'd PCT 17 DEC 2001

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08364.0031

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
)  
Andrea ZISMAN et al. )  
) Group Art Unit:  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
) Examiner:  
Filed: December 17, 2001 )  
)  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR MONITORING AND )  
MAINTAINING THE )  
CONSISTENCY OF )  
DISTRIBUTED DOCUMENTS )

BEING A NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION BASED ON  
PCT/GB00/02336

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**  
**BOX: PCT**

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and cited in the international search report and corresponding United Kingdom Search Report. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

FINNEGAN  
HENDERSON  
FARABOW  
GARRETT &  
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.408.4000  
Fax 202.408.4400  
www.finnegan.com

10/009722

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 08364.0031

531 Rec'd PC

17 DEC 2001

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no

better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: December 17, 2001

By:



Ernest F. Chapman  
Reg. No. 25,961

Enclosures  
EFC/FPD/peg

FINNEGAN  
HENDERSON  
FARABOW  
GARRETT &  
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.408.4000  
Fax 202.408.4400  
www.finnegan.com

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

Atty. Docket No.	08364.0031	Serial No.	10/009722
Applicant	Andrea ZISMAN et al.		
Filing Date	December 17, 2001	Group:	

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	5,581,753	12/3/96	Terry et al.	395	617	
	5,860,007	1/12/99	Soni et al.	395	703	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
WO97/34240	918/97	WIPO			
0 635 794 A2	1/25/95	Europe			
2 316 201 A	2/18/98	United Kingdom			
0 807 892 A2	11/19/97	Europe			
WO97/35265	9/25/97	WIPO			
0 694 835 A1	1/31/96	Europe			

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

T. Kitazawa, et al., "INTELLIGENT DOCUMENT GENERATION SYSTEM FOR CONSTRUCTION PLANNING", The Eighth Conference on Artificial Intelligence for Applications, IEEE Computer Society Press, pp. 14-19, March 2, 1992.
L. Carr, et al., "OPEN INFORMATION SERVICES", Computer Networks and ISDN Systems 28, pp. 1027-1036, (1996).
A. Hsu, et al., "HILDA:AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM DESIGN ENVIRONMENT", 1987 IEEE International Conference on computer Design VLSI in Computers & Processors, pp. 398-402, (1987).

Examiner	Date Considered
<p>*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</p>	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce